

I am a Flight Attendant for a major airline and would like to state my opinion on the use of cellular phones on the aircraft. I feel that the use of cell phones should only be while the aircraft is parked at the gate before the boarding door is closed and once we land and are taxiing to the gate and while deplaning. The closed quarters of an aircraft and the amount of people and the constant communication will lead to disruption of passengers that are trying to sleep. Also, it is hard for us to communicate with passengers that are on their phones, as they hardly look up at us or wave us off if we need to ask them a question and this could be a hindrance in an emergency. Safety is always our first concern and I see the use of cell phones getting in the way of us doing our job. I don't understand why just because it is available in this day and age it is now a necessity. Back when cell phones didn't exist, people could handle flights without contact and reach their parties when they got to a pay phone in the airport. I strongly disagree with this proposal. Sincerely, Lisa